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1. BRIEF RUNDOWN OF KIM CHONG-PIL'S CONVERSATIONS WITH JAPANESE LEADERS PROVIDED DCM BY KOREAN AMBASSADOR KIM YOUNG-SUN MAY 12 SUPPLMENETS GOJ ACCOUNT REPORTED REFTEL.

2. ACCORDING TO AMBASSADOR, MAJOR TOPICS OF TALKS WERE SECURITY AND ROK-JAPAN RELATIONS. PRIME MINISTER MIYAZAWA THAT ALTHOUGH PRIMARY BURDEN FOR INSURING KOREA'S SECURITY MUST CONTINUE TO REST WITH THE UNITED STATES, HE STRONGLY HOPED THAT JAPAN WOULD TAKE A MORE "POSITIVE ATTITUDE" TOWARD THIS PROBLEM, PARTICULARLY DURING PRIME MINISTER MIKI'S MEETING WITH PRESIDENT FORD THIS SUMMER. ACCORDING TO AMBASSADOR KIM, FOREIGN MINISTER MIYAZAWA ASSURED KIM CHONG-PIK THAT HE WOULD GIVE THIS SUGGESTION SERIOUS CONSIDERATION.

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3. PRIME MINISTER KIM EMPHASIZED THE IMPORTANCE OF

DEMONSTRATING THE STRENGTH OF ROK-JAPAN RELATIONS IN THE FACE OF THE THREATENING POSTURE ADOPTED BY NORTH KOREA, AND STRONGLY URGED THAT THE ROK-JAPAN MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE BE HELD BEFORE MIKI VISITS WASHINGTON. PRIME MINISTER MIKI RESPONDED THAT IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE TO CONVENE THE CONFERENCE FOLLOWING THE CLOSE OF THE CURRENT DIET SESSION.

4. WITH REGARD TO KIM DAEGAJUNG CASE, AMBASSADOR KIM SAID THAT THE JAPANESE HAD ARGUED STRONGLY IN TERMS OF JAPANESE PUBLIC ATTITUDES AND ATTITUDES IN OTHER COUNTRIES, INCLUDING THE US, FOR ACTION BY THE ROK GOVERNMENT TO PERMIT KIM DAE-JUNG FREEDOM TO TRAVEL. PRIME MINISTER KIM REPLIED THAT HE HOPED THIS QUESTION COULD BE WORKED OUT SOMEHOW THROUGH "CONCESSIONS" ON BOTH SIDES AND URGED THAT EFFORTS IN THIS DIRECTION BE CONTINUED BETWEEN HIMSELF AND PRIME MINISTER MIKI. FINALLY, PRIME MINISTER KIM HAD STRONGLY URGED THE NEED, PARTICULARLY UNDER PRESENT CIRCUMSWANCES, TO MAINTAIN CLOSE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE US, ROK AND JAPAN.

5. COMMENT: WE PRESUME THAT "MORE POSITIVE ATTITUDE" THAT PRIME MINISTER KIM HAD IN MIND WAS DEMONSTRATED BY JAPAN OF MORE ACTIVE CONCERN FOR SECURITY OF ROK COMBINED WITH CLEAR INDICATION THAT JAPAN'S OWN NATIONAL INTERESTS DIRECTLY INVOLVED.

6. WHILE AMBASSADOR KIM'S ACCOUNT DOES NOT CONTRADICT WITH PROVIDED US IN REFTEL, IT BRINGS OUT WITH CLARITY KOREAN DESIRE TO EMPLOY JAPAN AS SPOKESMAN WITH UNITED STATES DURING MIKI VISIT TO WASHINGTON, A POINT WHICH GOJ FONOFF FINESSED. HODGSON

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